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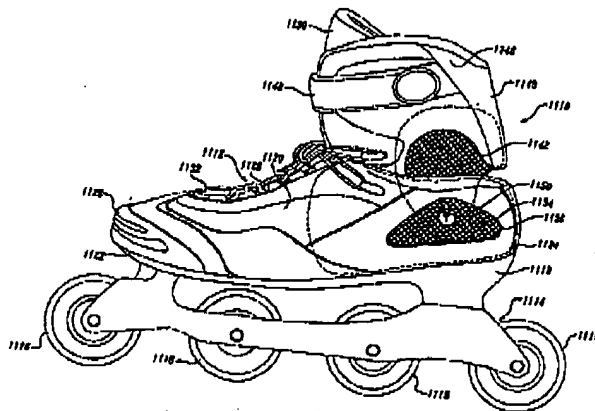
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(57) Abstract: A roller skate includes an upper (1112), including a substantially non-rigid upper portion (1120) secured to a base (1118). A frame (1114) secured to the base carries a plurality of wheels (1116). The substantially non-rigid upper portion is reinforced by a substantially rigid internal heel counter (1134). An ankle support cuff assembly (1110) is pivotally secured to the internal heel counter (1134). The ankle support cuff assembly includes a substantially rigid ankle support cuff (1142) that is pivotally secured on lateral and medial sides to the internal heel counter. Ankle pad (1144) lines the interior of the ankle support cuff (1142). Ankle support cuff (1142) is fastened by a selectively securable fastener (1148) about the skater's ankle. The ankle support cuff assembly pivots freely in the forward and aft direction relative to the internal heel counter (1134).

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